

II. **Be it enacted**, That the twelve and six-penny and six and three-penny tax on every foot front of improved and unimproved lots, shall be assessed and collected but once; that the *per centum* upon all assessed property shall be levied only for and during the space of seven years, or till the year seventeen hundred and ninety inclusive, beginning with the year seventeen hundred and eighty-three; and the other taxes as shall be hereafter directed.

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XVII.  
Duration of  
taxes.

III. **And**, for the furtherance and due execution of this act, **Be it enacted**, That the special commissioners have the same powers over the vendue master for Baltimore as the town commissioners, and hereby have authority to compel a settlement of his accounts quarterly, half yearly, or yearly, and to receive that part of his commission on the sale of all condemned merchandise or other property, and all other goods, estates or commodities, sold by said vendue master, in virtue of his office and appointment.

Special com-  
missioners  
power over  
vendue mas-  
ter, &c.

IV. **Be it enacted**, That the special commissioners be and are hereby empowered to anticipate, by loan, on the aforesaid taxes, any sum not exceeding fifty thousand pounds, and to mortgage the whole or any part of said taxes, for the payment of any part or the whole of such sum so borrowed.

May antici-  
pate taxes,  
&c.

V. **And be it enacted**, That each and all of the special commissioners shall take an oath or affirmation before a magistrate, of the tenor and effect following, that is to say, "I, A. B. will well and truly cause the debts arising by virtue of this act to be speedily adjusted, and the several sums of money hereby imposed to be duly collected and applied to the purposes by this act intended, and to no other purpose, and that I will faithfully discharge the office of commissioner to the best of my skill and ability."

Their oath

VI. **And be it enacted**, That the special commissioners, or a majority of them, do, from time to time, or as often as there may be occasion, meet and consult together, respecting what streets or parts of streets, what lanes or alleys, are to be paved; respecting the best method and manner of paving and keeping clean such of the streets, and public lanes and alleys, of the said town, as are within the inhabited and settled parts thereof; and of amending, building or repairing, the bridges; and of amending or repairing the common sewers of said town, made, or that may be made, for discharging and carrying off the water into the river or basin; and of making, amending and repairing, the public streets, roads and highways, within the said town, leading from any of the public roads in the country to the paved and regulated parts of the said streets; and to contract with any person or persons for all materials for the purposes aforesaid, and with such and as many workmen as they shall judge necessary to be employed from time to time, in and about the premises; and to agree on, execute and perform, every other act, matter and thing, which to them shall appear necessary for the fulfilment of said act.

Duty of spe-  
cial commis-  
sioners, &c.

VII. **And be it enacted**, That the special commissioners shall have full power and authority to enter upon the lots, grounds and possessions, of any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, through which the common sewers run, or ought to run, to regulate, make, or repair the same; provided that no common sewer or water-course to be laid out, shall be regulated so as to run through any lot of ground belonging to any private person or persons, unless the same shall be agreed to, and approved of, by a majority of the said special commissioners; and in every such case, that the damages sustained, or to be sustained, by reason thereof, by such private owner or owners, shall be valued and appraised by two indifferent persons, one of them to be chosen by the said special commissioners, and the other by such owner or owners; and also that the said damages shall be paid to such owner out of the monies arising by virtue of this act.

Their power

VIII. **And be it enacted**, That if any person or persons shall wilfully stop up or obstruct the passage of the waters of any of the common sewers, made or to be made, he or they, so offending, shall forfeit and pay, for every such offence, any sum not exceeding the sum of twenty-five pounds.

Penalty on  
persons ob-  
structing, &c.

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IX. **And**